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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents United States Customs district by continent statistics on United States airborne export and import shipments made in foreign trade.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the United States export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

Effective with the statistics for January 1963, the information shown for exports to Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments. The information shown for exports to countries other than Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50 percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in Table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a two chances out of three basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals for "Total" and North America of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use are excluded. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be United States imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10 percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in Table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less.

The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under $100 formal import shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10 percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1000 to $2000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	[2]25,895	....	7,281	4,095	7,823	1,126	215	305	[2]150,938	....	21,314	11,482	59,591	11,030	1,445	1,370
U.S. Flag carriers...	....	[2]9,758	3,536	677	2,488	658	32	126	....	[2]52,944	8,898	2,856	19,279	6,854	240	517
Massachusetts..........	292	152	44	-	209	13	1	3	2,324	1,294	174	-	2,035	79	7	8
Rochester..............	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	20	19	20	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo................	40	40	35	-	-	-	-	-	263	263	252	-	-	-	-	-
New York...............	10,543	3,744	1,424	543	6,504	557	89	258	69,121	23,861	6,927	3,034	50,705	5,087	410	1,159
Philadelphia...........	31	15	1	-	26	3	(*)	-	91	37	2	-	72	14	1	-
Maryland...............	10	9	3	-	5	1	-	(*)	58	58	6	-	48	1	-	(*)
Virginia...............	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Florida................	7,711	2,483	3,477	3,494	7	3	-	(*)	14,899	4,384	6,206	7,995	44	61	-	1
New Orleans............	435	98	353	19	6	9	-	-	1,042	321	770	185	27	3	-	-
Galveston..............	438	277	257	10	82	24	(*)	17	1,648	827	664	25	714	128	1	75
Laredo.................	167	132	156	-	-	-	-	-	479	392	465	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles............	483	203	73	16	181	122	22	3	4,109	1,416	410	133	1,872	1,392	170	39
San Francisco..........	861	322	12	7	327	334	98	6	6,415	3,449	53	79	1,407	3,902	825	15
Washington.............	218	169	179	1	4	9	-	-	730	505	597	13	26	49	-	-
Alaska.................	11	10	-	-	2	4	-	-	15	11	-	-	6	8	-	-
Hawaii.................	24	19	-	-	-	12	4	(*)	94	68	-	-	-	61	27	(*)
Montana and Idaho.......	23	23	20	-	-	-	-	-	192	192	186	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota.................	86	86	66	-	-	-	-	-	244	244	213	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota..............	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	18	18	18	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan...............	131	53	6	-	115	1	(*)	3	419	166	17	-	383	11	(*)	3
Chicago................	1,123	332	505	(*)	355	33	1	15	5,829	1,874	3,103	2	2,237	233	5	69
Ohio...................	127	5	101	-	(*)	-	-	-	786	15	748	-	6	-	-	-
Puerto Rico............	566	342	417	5	2	-	-	-	416	245	352	17	5	-	-	-
All other Customs Districts.............	57	36	46	(*)	(*)	-	-	(*)	148	100	129	(*)	4	-	-	(*)
Special Category[3]......	2,511	1,205	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,575	13,184	-	-	-	-	-	-

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.
[1] Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.
[2] Includes shipments of "special category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.
[3] Represents shipments of "special category" commodities. For a list of the "special category" commodities see the January 1961 edition of Report FT 410.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds[1]								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2,3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	9,450	....	3,037	1,009	4,707	643	21	33	79,381	....	8,402	3,075	56,507	7,365	345	1,402
U.S. Flag carriers...	....	3,985	1,282	237	2,047	395	1	23	....	32,015	3,379	1,085	21,849	5,473	37	192
Massachusetts..........	66	38	8	-	56	2	-	-	695	442	152	-	460	26	-	-
Rochester..............	5	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	60	41	43	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo................	8	7	6	-	1	-	-	(*)	220	191	142	-	6	-	-	57
New York...............	4,789	2,037	176	146	4,210	224	9	24	61,103	22,044	3,061	1,963	51,594	1,870	165	1,319
Philadelphia...........	17	16	2	-	15	-	-	-	197	167	10	-	165	-	-	-
Maryland...............	14	4	(*)	(*)	14	-	-	-	265	125	1	(*)	216	-	-	-
Virginia...............	27	-	-	-	27	-	-	-	115	-	-	-	109	-	-	-
Florida................	2,371	776	1,540	783	23	25	-	-	2,565	1,261	1,483	927	41	7	-	-
New Orleans............	164	129	163	(*)	1	-	-	-	78	42	43	2	5	-	-	-
Galveston..............	41	18	31	4	5	(*)	-	(*)	165	49	102	19	19	(*)	-	2
Laredo.................	102	98	102	-	-	(*)	-	-	64	37	41	-	-	2	-	-
Los Angeles............	244	86	27	8	100	109	1	1	3,664	1,225	654	126	1,509	1,121	26	11
San Francisco..........	185	131	1	1	35	138	7	3	2,127	1,366	12	13	549	1,252	137	9
Washington.............	75	73	11	-	1	63	(*)	-	2,739	2,598	375	-	15	2,268	7	-
Alaska.................	4	4	(*)	-	(*)	4	-	-	342	329	1	-	7	329	-	-
Hawaii.................	20	12	2	-	4	11	4	-	118	50	2	-	3	71	10	-
Montana and Idaho......	6	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	65	62	62	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota.................	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	28	25	25	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota..............	1	1	(*)	-	-	1	-	-	23	15	2	-	-	13	-	-
Michigan...............	34	26	1	-	32	-	-	1	218	143	9	-	178	-	-	3
Chicago................	272	176	75	-	165	28	-	4	3,625	1,407	1,862	-	1,441	196	-	1
Ohio...................	24	2	13	-	10	-	-	-	268	5	102	-	125	-	-	-
Puerto Rico............	931	300	861	66	3	-	-	-	293	154	177	25	49	-	-	-
All other Customs Districts.............	49	40	6	-	3	39	-	-	345	236	42	-	16	210	-	-

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.
[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.
[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.
[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. Flag carriers.

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